

SOLEMNITY of the Most Holy Body and Blood of CHRIST



For as often as you eat this
bread and drink the cup, you
proclaim the death of the Lord
until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26



St. Roch Parish

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Saturday 4:00 PM & Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 8:30 AM

Friday Mass at 6:00 pm

Adoration at 6:30 pm

Confession during Adoration

Benediction at 7:30 pm

Confessions

Tuesday 6—7 pm, Friday 6:30—7:30 pm,
and Saturday 3—3:30 pm
or by appointment

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NORMS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

It is important to remember that the complete Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ is contained in both species of Eucharist. Anyone uncomfortable receiving from the chalice is not required to do so, but it is an offering that is permitted after receiving the Eucharistic Bread (Body of Christ) for a deeper experiential receiving.

Receiving Jesus into our very being at Mass through the Eucharist is actually us becoming one with God and with each other as the mystical body of Christ. Jesus prayed that we may be one as God is one in the Trinity. This is why we must be in a State of Grace before receiving (Sacramental Confession for any Mortal Sins we are aware of in our lives). This is also why Jesus says that if we are approaching the altar and become aware of a dispute with a brother or sister, we must leave our gifts at the altar and go and be reconciled with them before coming back to the altar.

When we approach the minister that is distributing communion with either the Body or the Blood, we make a profound bow from the hips prior to receiving (or we can genuflect or kneel). When we hear either “**The Body of Christ**” or “**The Blood of Christ**” - Respond with a clear and loud “**AMEN**” before receiving. Amen is stating that I truly believe that this is the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. It is an act of faith.

Receiving the Body



If receiving in the hand, please put your non-dominate hand over your dominate hand making a throne for the body.

The body is to be brought to the mouth with the dominate hand and **consumed in the presence of the minister.**
(*Inspect your hands for fragments and consume with your tongue, if any are present*).



If receiving on the tongue, please open your mouth wide enough and bring your tongue far enough out for the minister to place the body onto it. Stick your tongue straight out slowly and draw it back into your mouth slowly.

Receiving the Blood



After being offered the Chalice from the minister and saying “**AMEN,**” take the Chalice and a sip of the Precious Blood, then hand the Chalice back to the minister. Please be aware that there may be people behind you who also wish to receive. **Please ensure not to drain the chalice, leaving others without.**



Intinction or dipping the Body into the Blood is forbidden, except for a ordained priest or bishop.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 21	4:00 pm	Earl Cote by the family
Sunday, June 22	8:30 am	Bryan Ohan by Mother, Dad and family
	11:00 am	Robert Morway, Sr. by Matt Morway
Monday, June 23	8:30 am	Marie Harrington & Family (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills
Tuesday, June 24	8:30 am	The People of St. Roch Parish
Wednesday, June 25	8:30 am	Roger LeFebvre (32nd Anniversary) by wife Nancy
Thursday, June 26	8:30 am	No Mass
Friday, June 27	6:00 pm	All Priests in Diocese of Worcester by the Seven Sisters Apostolate
Saturday, June 28	4:00 pm	Claire Huckins by Roger Vandro
Sunday, June 29	8:30 am	Walter P. McCarthy (10th Anniversary) by the family
	11:00 am	Yvonne Reeks (26th Anniversary) by daughter Yvonne Nelson and family



Sacrificial Offering

JUNE 14 & 15

Offertory Envelopes	5,088.00
Online Giving	82.00
Other sources of income	<u>2,635.00</u>
<i>Thank you!</i>	7,805.00



A Second Collection will be taken next week-end, **June 28 & 29** for the Peter's Pence Collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE CATHOLIC FREE PRESS



To renew your subscription, pop an envelope in the basket or mail to the rectory office with \$39, your name & address. Thank you.

JULY 26



The **ANNUAL ST. ROCH FESTIVAL** THE FESTIVAL BEGINS AT 10:00 AM UNDER THE BIG TENT

- Hot off the grill: **Burgers, Dogs, Sausage & Peppers, and Pulled Pork!**
- Come enjoy the company of fellow parishioners and neighbors! Bring your family & friends!!
- Try your luck at some **raffles**, enjoy the **music, strawberry shortcake and fried dough!**
- Play some favorite **outdoor games**—Bocci, Cornhole, and others or cheer on your friends!
- **DUNK THE PASTOR!!** Start practicing your aim now!
Fr. Jim is willing to take a few dunks in the **Dunk Tank!** Others also welcome to take the dunk challenge!
- **Cornhole Tournament!** 16 teams. Cash prizes to top 2 teams! Sign up today! - Forms at entrances to the church.
- **The Chicken Barbecue will take place after the 4:00 Mass!** - *Tickets will be on sale next weekend!*
Due to inflation, the barbecue tickets are now \$22. Children's Meals of a hot dog and mac & cheese are also offered for \$5.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

St. Roch lot on the corner of Main & Water Streets

Bouncy House

Organized games for young children

Water Balloon Toss, 3 Legged Races, Obstacle Course, Potato Sack Races, Free Cold Drinks, Prizes & More!



Our "**Adopt-A-Basket**" Raffle Table could use your help!
Donations of Themed Gift Baskets or items for a gift basket are needed and greatly appreciated.

Families or Individuals—pick a theme or make up your own! Examples: Beach, Reading Nook, Coffee, Barbecue, Chocolate, Garden, Outdoor Games, Pasta Dinner, Etc.

Other Items to be donated:

Gift Cards/Certificates, Plants, Baked Goods.

Drop off location—tba





Hear ye, Hear ye
 NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST
 FR. JONATHAN AMIDON
 TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY
 SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
 HERE AT SAINT ROCH

SUNDAY JUNE 29TH AT
 11:00AM

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 YEAR OF HOPE

A Special Year of:

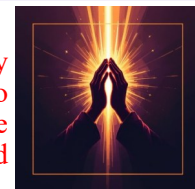
FORGIVENESS
RECONCILIATION
CONVERSION
 and **CELEBRATION**



<https://worcesterdiocese.org/jubilee>

PRAYER LINE EMAIL

We have prayer warriors who constantly pray for your intentions. Please reach out to us and let us know your prayer needs. We would love to add all your intentions and people that need prayers to our prayer line.



If you wish to become a Prayer Warrior—send email to sign up to pray for your fellow parishioners and their families.

Email: prayerline@strochoxford.com



Worcester Red Sox August 3, 2025 Sunday 1:05 Game

St. Roch Parish has a block of 30 seats along the first-base line.

Tickets \$30 each includes \$5 credit to purchase food, beverages or merchandise. Call the rectory office at 508-987-8987 to **reserve now**. Payment due by July 1. Gates open at 11:30 am. Polar Park Section 14.



2025 Fundraising / Event Calendar!

Multi-Parish Raffle—Saturday, July 19th

Live-Streamed at www.parishraffle.com at 7 pm

Festival - Saturday, July 26th

Opens at 10 am

Chicken Barbecue at 5:30 pm - Pre-sale tickets only

WooSox Game—Sunday, August 3rd 1:05 pm

Yard Sale—Saturday, September 27 8-2pm

334 Club Dinner—Saturday, November 1 5:30 pm

Parade of Soups—Saturday, November 15th 5-8pm

GIANT PARISH RAFFLE



1st PRIZE \$30,000*

2nd PRIZE \$10,000*

3rd PRIZE \$8,000*

4th—23rd PRIZES \$1,000* each

*ALL PRIZES ARE AWARDED AS
 AMERICAN EXPRESS GIFT CARDS
 (not redeemable for cash)

DONATION FOR EACH TICKET: \$25

Raffle tickets need to be returned to the rectory office
BY JULY 7TH

Half of all sales will be kept at the parish.

If you did not get a mailer with tickets or need more, please call Teri at the rectory 508-987-8987.

Drawing to take place

July 19th at 7 pm

LIVE-streamed at

www.parishraffle.com

from St. Roch Church, 10 St. Roch Ave, Greenwich, CT.

To Enter
 Online
 Scan this
 QR code.
 Please
 Share!



American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS HERE!

It is with excitement that I announce the official chartering of Trail Life for boys in our parish. We are now Trail Life Troop MA1321!



Also this summer, Troop MA0716 of the American Heritage Girls will transfer their charter to Saint Roch.

If you are looking for a Christian Catholic alternative to the Boy and Girl Scouts, here it is! If you have children in your life between the ages of 5 and 18 who want live a Christ Centered life, go on adventures, and have fun, check out our webpages at <https://strochoxford.com/american-heritage-girls> or <https://strochoxford.com/trail-life-usa> or scan the QR codes. There are interest forms to fill out so you can receive more information about signing up.





CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP





TWO SESSIONS OFFERED:
1ST-6TH GRADE: 9AM-3PM
7TH-12TH GRADE: 7PM-9PM



AUGUST 10-15 2025

Registration **\$25**

DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES

Sacred Heart Parish Hall
 11 Day Street
 Webster MA 01570
Registration Link
www.shojwebster.org/totus-tuus



SCAN ME

Co-sponsored by Sacred Heart & St Louis Parish, Webster; St Roch, Oxford

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP



Summer Schedule & Events

Adoration/Confession & Potluck -- 4:30pm on 6/11, 7/2, and 8/6
 Meet upstairs in the church for kid-friendly adoration. Confessions available 4:30-5:30pm. Potluck style dinner downstairs. Please text or email Gina (gina.hamwey@gmail.com) to RSVP/ sign up for potluck.

Rosary Pray & Play -- 9:30am on 5/28, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/13, 8/27

Post-Bedtime/Late Night Moms Only -- 8:15pm on 6/18, 7/16, 8/20

***NEW* Summer Bible Study** -- 9:30am on Tuesdays
 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 8/5, 8/19

Please contact Gina gina.hamwey@gmail.com for locations.

Also, we are planning a kid-friendly, day-trip this summer to the **Shrine of the Little Flower** in Nasonville, RI (~30 min from St. Roch). Date TBD. There is lots of space to run around for the littles, a picnic table area, and of course many places for prayer and reflection. Please reach out if you are interested.



New to moms group or the parish? Got questions?
 Please contact Gina at gina.hamwey@gmail.com



THE LITTLE CROWN

Catholic Homeschooling Community & Co-op

The Little Crown (TLC) is a parent-led Catholic homeschooling group and a ministry of St. Roch Church. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic families from any parish.

Registration is now OPEN for the Fall Semester!

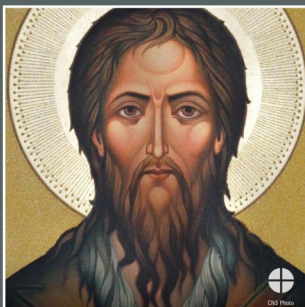
Please visit the following webpage for more information:
www.strochoxford.com/the-little-crown-homeschooling-co-op

Contact Gina at gina.hamwey@gmail.com with any questions.

Nativity of John the Baptist

FIRST CENTURY
 FEAST DAY: JUNE 24

In the Gospels, John, a kinsman of Jesus through their mothers, preached repentance and baptized to prepare for the Messiah's coming. This feast marks his exceptional birth to the aged priest Zechariah and the equally aged and barren Elizabeth. The angel Gabriel announces his birth in a vision to Zechariah, who hesitates in believing and is struck mute until eight days after John's birth. Then, Zechariah, in a beautiful canticle that ends the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, proclaims that John "will be called prophet of the Most High." John's eventual beheading is commemorated with an Aug. 29 feast. A patron saint of Canada and Jordan, John is also the patron of Florence and the Knights Hospitaller of St. John.



CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

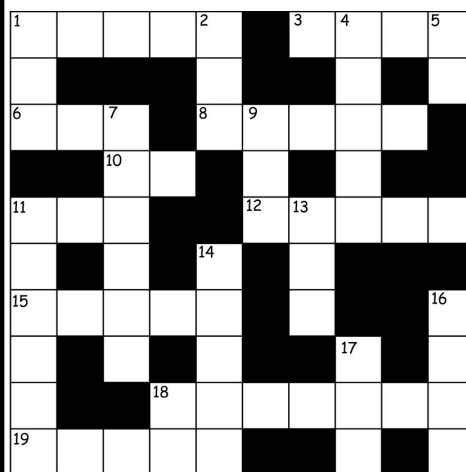
Last week's wordsearch

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CLUES ACROSS

- Melchizedek blessed him
- We eat this
6. We must do this to live
8. Opposite of day
10. Plural of 'I'
11. Your eyes do this
12. Our planet
15. Not ever
18. These contained the left-over food
19. Weary

CLUES DOWN



- Done with food
2. More than one man
4. Not this
5. A command
7. The number of baskets of left-over food
9. Anger
11. The end of the day
13. Everything or everyone
14. A baked food
16. Two of these; five loaves
17. Not old
18. "Blessed __ Abram"

Meetings

Fundraising Meeting –Monday, July 14th at 6:00 pm in the St. Ann Center. All are invited!



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TODAY!**



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Sign up by scanning this QR Code or go to:

<https://strochoxford.flocknote.com/everyone>

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

Are you homebound or need a little extra love and assistance?

We Can Provide:

Visits and Conversation	Rides to the Doctors
Pickup a Needed Item	Groceries
Food Delivery	or Other Needed Services

Call the Parish Office at **508-987-8987** for more information. Linda Lloyd is leading this vital new Parish Ministry with a small number of ministers who are here to help. Call today!

Come spend one hour a week with JESUS!

At the **Blessed Sacrament
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**
Chapel, 17 E. Main St., Webster, MA.

24 Hours a day, 7 Days a week.

Door locked 9 pm-6 am. Scheduled Adorers only. All hours are available—Hours in need of dedicated adorers:

Sun	12-1am, 5-6am, 8-9pm
Mon	2-3am, 10-11pm
Tue	2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am, 5-6am, 10-11am
Wed	11am-12pm
Thu	3-4pm, 4-5pm
Fri	2-3am, 3-4am, 9-10pm
Sat	2-3am, 3-4am, 9-10am, 11am-12pm, 3-4pm, 4-5pm

We are also in need of substitutes. Please consider being placed on our Substitute Call List.

Please contact: Adoration Chapel at 508-206-8153



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If you are age seven to adult, OCIA is for you!
For more information and to begin your journey, visit www.strochoxford.com/ocia or scan the QR code.



Yard Sale!

September 27, 2025

The Yard Sale Committee will be collecting the first 3 weekends in September **only**. Please no drop offs beforehand.



PRAY FOR... Kathy Perry, John & Bev Makowski, Cynthia Clark, David Dumais, Ann Caplette, Deacon Jim Denning, Jennifer Cowperthwaite, Jay and Jon Moore, Rose, Jill and Desirae, Cyndy Paradis, Fern Goldsmith, May Stanikmas, Cameron Chickering, Evelina Piscopo, Carol Clouthier, Pauline Clouthier, Annmarie Morrissey, Julia Krasinskas, Paula Kapurch, June Deary, Paula C. Bouthillier, Andrea Reeves, Nancy Mott, Adam Yankauskas, Joel Balsh, Robert & Aline Krasinskas, Mary-ann Richard, Leona Shaw, Lorraine Dumais, Ernie LaVallee, Lisa Ackley, Lorna Hennessey, Cheryl Ducharme, Judy Leone, James Malo, Joseph, Matthew & Marie, Kyle Brodeur, Donald Morin, Leonard Marcotte, Pam Jackman, Chloe Jones, Jane Desy Montigny, Theresa Stone, Linda Vigeant, Dianne Ackley, Randy Henderson, Charley Theodore Cutting, Barbara Lavalley, Andrea Boyle, Melissa Dube, William Patrick Bernard, Peter Giles, Michelle, Susan Maass, Jack Hamilton, Paul Neboski.